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violations of laws, rules or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or substantial and specific dangers to the public health and safety.

(x) Select, appoint, and employ necessary officers and employees in OIG in accordance with laws and regulations governing the civil service, including an Assistant Inspector General for Auditing and an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations.

(xi) Obtain services as authorized by Section 3109 of Title 5, United States Code.

(xii) Enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, inspections, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act to the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in an appropriation act.

(d) The IG, under the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, Pub. L. 97-98, 7 U.S.C. 2270, and pursuant to rules issued by the Secretary in 7 CFR part 1a, has the authority to:

(1) Designate employees of the Office of Inspector General who investigate alleged or suspected felony criminal violations of statutes administered by the Secretary of Agriculture or any agency of USDA, when engaged in the performance of official duties to:

(i) Execute and serve a warrant for an arrest, for the search of premises, or the seizure of evidence when issued under authority of the United States upon probable cause to believe that such a violation has been committed;

(ii) Make an arrest without a warrant for any such violation if such violation is committed or if the employee has probable cause to believe that such violation is being committed in his/her presence; and

(iii) Carry a firearm.

(2) Issue directives and take the actions prescribed by the Secretary's rules.

§ 2610.2 Headquarters organization.

(a) The OIG has a headquarters office in Washington, DC, and regional offices throughout the United States. The headquarters office consists of the im-

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mediate office of the IG and three operational units.

(b) *Operational units.* (1) The Assistant Inspector General for Policy Development and Resources Management (AIG/PD&RM) formulates OIG policies and procedures; develops, administers and directs comprehensive programs for the management, budget, financial, personnel, systems improvement, and information activities and operations of OIG; and is responsible for OIG automated data processing (ADP) and OIG information management systems. The staff maintains OIG's directives system; Departmental Regulations and Federal Register issuances; administers the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, which includes requests received from the Congress, other Federal agencies, intergovernmental organizations, the news media, and the public; and provides for the administration of an OIG EEO program, including affirmative action. The immediate office of the AIG/PD&RM and two divisions carry out these functions.

(2) The Assistant Inspector General for Audit (AIG/A) carries out the OIG's domestic and foreign audit operations through a headquarters office, a Financial Management and ADP Audit Operations staff located in Kansas City, Missouri, and six regional offices shown in § 2610.3(a). The staff provides a continual audit review of ADP security throughout USDA. Auditing officials conduct operational liaison on audit matters; schedule and conduct audits; release audit reports to management; follow agency action to assure that audit reports have been properly acted upon through review of Department management follow up system; monitor the quality of OIG audit reports; and coordinate activities with the Assistant Inspector General (AIG) for Investigations. The staff also provides an integrated approach to fraud prevention and detection and management improvement in USDA programs and operations; reviews Department legislation and regulations through the involvement and cooperation of the Department's principal officers and program managers; coordinates analyses and reports on the conduct of fraud

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vulnerability assessments; and recommends policies and provides technical assistance for investigative and audit operations. The Auditing headquarters office consists of the immediate office of the AIG/A and four staff divisions.

(3) The Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIG/I) carries out the OIG's domestic and foreign investigative operations through a headquarters office and the seven regional offices shown in § 2610.3(b). Investigations officials conduct operational and intelligence liaison on investigative matters with the FBI, Secret Service, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Interpol, and other Federal and State law enforcement organizations; determine the need for investigative action; conduct investigations; prepare factual reports of investigative findings; refer reports for appropriate administrative or legal action; followup on agency actions to assure that OIG investigative reports have been properly acted upon; monitor the quality of investigative reports; and coordinate activities with the AIG/A. The staff also conducts special investigations of major programs, operations, and high level officials; provides for the protection of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary; receives and processes employee complaints concerning possible violations of laws, rules, regulations or mismanagement. The Investigations headquarters office consists of the immediate office of the AIG/I and three staff divisions.

§ 2610.3 Regional organization.

(a) Each Regional Inspector General for Audit (RIG/A) is responsible to the IG and to the AIG/A for supervising the performance of all OIG auditing activities relating to the Department's domestic and foreign programs and operations within an assigned geographic area. The addresses and telephone numbers of the six Audit Regional Offices and the territories served are as follows:

AUDIT REGION, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND TERRITORY

Northeast Region, ATTN: Suite 5D06, 4700 River Road, Unit 151, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1237, (301) 734-8763; Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New

Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Southeast Region, 401 W. Peachtree Street NW., Room 2328, Atlanta, Georgia 30365-3520, (404) 730-3210; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Midwest Region, 111 N. Canal Street, Suite 1130, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7295, (312) 353-1352; Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Southwest Region, 101 South Main, Room 324, Temple, Texas 76501, (817) 774-1430; Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Great Plains Region, 9435 Holmes, Room 233, Kansas City, Missouri 64131, Mailing address: PO Box 293, Kansas City, Missouri 64141, (816) 926-7667; Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah.

Western Region, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 225, San Francisco, California 94107, (415) 744-2851; Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Territory of Guam, Trust Territories of the Pacific, and Washington.

(b) Each RIG/I is responsible to the IG and to the AIG/I for supervising the performance of all OIG investigative activities relating to the Department's domestic and foreign programs and operations within an assigned geographic area. The addresses and telephone numbers of the seven Investigations Regional Offices and the territories served are as follows:

INVESTIGATIONS REGION, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND TERRITORY

North Atlantic Region, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 1409, New York, New York 10278, (212) 264-8400; Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virgin Islands.

Northeast Region, ATTN: Suite 5D06, 4700 River Road, Unit 151, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1237, (301) 734-8850; Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Southeast Region, 401 W. Peachtree Street NW., Room 2329, Atlanta, Georgia 30365-3520, (404) 730-2170; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Midwest Region, 111 N. Canal Street, Suite 1130, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7295, (312) 353-1358; Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Southwest Region, 101 South Main, Room 311, Temple, Texas 76501, (817) 774-1351;